

# London



*London is the capital of Great Britain. It is a very old city. It is two thousand years old. London is not only the capital of the country but also a huge port.*



London is situated upon both banks of the Thames.

There are 17 bridges across the river.



The population of London is about 9 million people.

*London has three parts: the City of London, the West End and the East End.*



# The City of London

*The City of London is the oldest part of London. You can see narrow streets and pavements there. There are many offices, firms and banks in this part of London. The City of London is the financial centre of the United Kingdom.*



# The West End

*The West End is the centre of London. There are many sights in the West End.*

*They are, for example, the Houses of parliament with Big Ben. It is interesting that the clock « Big Ben» came into service in 1859. Big Ben is the biggest clock bell in Britain. It weighs 13.5 tons.*



# Westminster Abbey

The other interesting place is Westminster Abbey, which was founded in 1050. It is situated in the centre of London.

Many great Englishmen were buried in the Abbey: Newton, Darwin and others.



# Buckingham Palace

*The official London residence of the Queen is Buckingham Palace. It was built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.*





# Trafalgar Square

*There are many nice squares in London. Trafalgar Square is one of them and it is in the centre of the West End.*



There are many museums, libraries and galleries in London. The Tate Gallery is one of the well-known galleries in London.

Henry Tate was a sugar manufacturer. He was fond of paintings and collected many pictures.



# British Museum

The British Museum is a very interesting place in London. It was founded in 1753. The library of this museum has a lot of books.



One can say that the City is the money of London, the West End is the goods of London and the East End is the hands of London.



Thank you



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